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#### Rtn. Joseph Ssuuna Editor in Chief

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the latest edition of our magazine, a canvas that comes alive with vibrant hues of stories, insights, and innovation. In these pages, we strive to capture the essence of the extraordinary moments, initiatives, and ideas that shape our community.

One of the main stories shines a spotlight on Buddy Group Buzzi's groundbreaking "Sports Fusion Spectacle," a first-of-its-kind sports gala that not only celebrated athleticism but also embraced the spirit of camaraderie and community.

# Unveiling the Tapestry of Stories, Insights, and Innovation

In the heart of our newsletter, discover the transformative impact of the Rotary and Rotaract Club of Bwebajja. From life-changing medical camps to empowering educational initiatives, their stories exemplify the power of service, collaboration, and the unwavering commitment to "Service Above Self."

Turn the pages to witness the Rotary Club of Bwebajja's venture into the business world with an out-of-venue fellowship, proving that the intersection of business and service can be both enlightening and enriching. The collaborative energy shared during this event at Hotel La Vena reflects the essence of building meaningful partnerships.

On a different note, the donation of a water tank to Kasaana C/U Primary School and the provision of Tricycle Village Ambulances by the Rotary Club of Bwebajja stand as tributes to our dedication to creating tangible, positive change in communities.

Lastly, join us in celebrating the impactful charter of the Interact Club of Elite High School Entebbe, an endeavor that encapsulates the essence of nurturing leadership and service in our future generations.

As the editor, it has been a privilege to weave together these stories of resilience, service, and innovation. Each page unfolds a narrative of people coming together to create ripples of positive change, demonstrating that within our community, the ordinary becomes extraordinary.





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#### **Hope Uniting Hearts**

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# **The Road to Peace**

Gordon R. McInally RI President 2023 - 2024

> The world needs more people like the graduates of the program at Makerere and our other peace fellows. To that end, we can all advance peace by encouraging our local peacebuilders to learn more about Rotary and apply for this impactful fellowship."

Next year, Rotary takes a step toward supporting peacebuilding in the Middle East and North Africa region when recruitment begins for our newest peace center in partnership with Bahçeşehir University (BAU) in Istanbul.

A series of events in the coming year will recognize the new center at BAU and Rotary's work to promote peace. The 2024 Rotary International Convention in May will mark 25 years since the first Rotary Peace Centers were announced — coincidentally at the Rotary Convention in Singapore in 1999. Recruitment for the first cohort of Rotary Peace Fellows at BAU also starts in 2024, and selected candidates will begin their program in early 2025.

Since its beginning, the peace centers program has prepared more than 1,700 peace fellows working in more than 140 countries to create a more peaceful world. That is certainly worth celebrating, but Rotary Peace Fellows are more than statistics on a page. Their actions have helped Create Hope in the World and will continue to do so.

For example, Jennifer Montgomery and Gorett Komurembe — peace fellows from the program at Makerere University in Uganda — are co-founders of Magenta

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Girls Initiative. The international nongovernmental organization equips Ugandan girls and young women with the support and tools to overcome harmful gender norms, generational poverty, gender-based violence, trafficking, and trauma.

Ndzi Divine Njamsi, another peace fellow who studied at Makerere, has taken lessons learned about Positive Peace and is sharing them with students of his own in Cameroon. He became interested in the Rotary Positive Peace Activator training program after witnessing extremism, online hate speech, and violence in Cameroon. Since completing the program, he has brought his lessons on peace to students at the Yaoundé International Business School and other organizations in the Central Africa country.

The world needs more people like the graduates of the program at Makerere and our other peace fellows. To that end, we can all advance peace by encouraging our local peacebuilders to learn more about Rotary and apply for this impactful fellowship. Rotary members can also mentor candidates for the fellowship. Or you can work with peace fellows who have already graduated. They probably have an initiative or two that would benefit from your help.

Our peace centers in North America, Europe, Africa, Australia, and Asia depend on financial support as well. The program at BAU was made possible thanks to a generous gift of \$15.5 million to The Rotary Foundation from the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation.

This new Rotary Peace Center will offer a one-year professional development certificate in peace and development studies for fellows focusing on peacebuilding within the Middle East and North Africa region.

Peace must be waged persistently; it is the soil where hope takes root. But as with any journey, we take one step at a time. Let's take those steps together.

#### A Call for Generosity:

Supporting Rotary Foundation's Vital Causes

**Francisco Ssemwanga** District Governor 2023 - 2024

The month of November is designated to The Rotary Foundation by Rotary International. In this regard, I call upon Our Clubs to actively participate in the Rotary Foundation programs by utilizing grants from the foundation as well as contributing to it.'

My Rotary Family, I greet you in the name of Our Lord God and thank you for your persistence in Creating Hope in the World.

I congratulate all of you including myself upon the completion of the first quarter of Our Rotary Year. On 12th of October 2023, we celebrated our One hundred (100) Days of Creating Hope at Rustic Gardens Lungujja Physically and Online. I greatly thank the Masaka Road Corridor Clubs that were led by my own Club Nateete Kampala under the guidance and support of the Area Support Officer of the Corridor Past Assistant Governor, Sam Mwanje for the job well done.

We were able to take stock of Our achievements so far, and I am impressed that we are doing well on most of Our goals we set to achieve as a District. I am so excited with the Membership strides. So far, four Charter Celebrations have been conducted with three Clubs in Uganda, (Kabale City, Lake Bunyonyi and Masaka City) and one Club in Tanzania (Bagamoyo – Kiromo). Charter Celebrations of the Rotaract Club of Rubaga Lake View will also take place on 5th December.

The month of November is designated to The Rotary Foundation by Rotary International. In this regard, I call upon Our Clubs to actively participate in the Rotary Foundation programs by utilizing grants from the foundation as well as contributing to it. Clubs/Rotarians can contribute to the Rotary Foundation through giving to Polio Plus, the Annual Fund and the Endowment Fund.

We are going to start our participation and celebrations as a District with the Rotary Foundation Dinner in Dar es Salaam on 1st November 2023, which is going to be presided over by Our Rotary Foundation Trustee Martha Peak Helman. Special thanks to PDG Shamilah Bhatt and the Tanzanian Team for this Milestone. I am so thrilled by the generous contributions made by the Tanzanians so far.

On 3rd November 2023, D9214 is going to join with D9213 and the entire Rotary World into the Peace Concert aimed at raising funds for Our Makerere University Peace Centre. Again, the Concert is going to be graced by the Rotary Foundation Trustee Martha Peak Helman. It is physically going to take place at the Speke Resort Munyonyo but it also has the virtual component. Allow me thank Past District Governors, Bob Waggwa Nsibirwa and Emmanuel Katongole for leading us in this campaign. I continue to call upon all Rotarians who have not yet booked their tickets for this event to do so at USD 100. Let us please support the cause.

The second quarter of Our Rotary Year is going to greatly focus on raising money for Our Foundation as well as helping Our Clubs qualify and writing project concepts to get Global Grants. It is so saddening that by now, more than 60% of Our Clubs have given zero to the Polio Fund!! and over 50% have not given any Penny to the Rotary Annual and Permanent funds. This is totally un acceptable. Our ultimate goal this year is to have Our Clubs being 100% givers to the Foundation, we want to avoid having any zero giving Clubs to the Foundation this Rotary year!

The Swahili have a Proverb "Kutoa ni Moya na Sla Utaziri" meaning that Giving comes from the Heart not from the Surplus.

Friends, let us embrace this heart of extending a Helping Hand to the less fortunate as we continue to Serve Above Self and Creating Hope in the World.

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### **Celebrating Milestones**

and Embracing Service: A Journey Together

Annie Ninyesiga President, Rotary Club of Bwebajja

> As we step into November, a month when Rotarians globally celebrate the impact of the Rotary Foundation, I am delighted to share the remarkable achievements of the Rotary Club of

> > Bwebaija."

Friends, it's with profound gratitude and pleasure for yet another opportunity to share this moment with you. The realization that this marks our 5th month of service brings forth a sense of pride, for it signifies the journey we've walked together.

Reflecting on the path we have walked together; I am humbled by the camaraderie and dedication that define our Rotary family. Your unwavering commitment to service, fellowship, and Rotary ideals has been the driving force behind our shared successes.

In October, our journey was adorned with significant milestones. The joint blood donation drive for Entebbe Road corridor Clubs within which over 359 pints of blood were collected by both Mengo Rotary & Nakasero Blood Banks on Independence Day was a step in strengthening our collaboration within Rotary and our partners in business.

Our famous journey to Mubende District for three successfully executed activities is no mean feat for both RC & RAC Bwebajja. Please allow me to shine a light on the biggest medical camp I have personally witnessed in my Rotary life- held on 14th Oct. 2023 at Madudu R/C Primary School in Mubende. The huge turn-up of

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persons seeking medical help is a testament that our communities need urgent assistance from all corners i.e., Rotary, Ministry of Health, and all other partners in service. At the same venue, Hon. Grania Nakazibwe Hope our esteemed member donated 5 Tricycle Village Ambulances to 5 sub-counties/Health Centre's of Mubende District. Donation of a rainwater harvesting system with a 10,000-litre tank to Kasaana C.O.U Primary School and the tree planting exercise at the same school can't go unexpressed. That was a great week full of Rotary's hand in Creating a lot of Hope in our communities. Thanks to all Rotarians and Rotaractors who trod the Mubende journey with us.

The installation of the Charter President of the Interact Club of Elite High School Entebbe marked the dawn of a new era, showcasing the seeds of service being sown in our youth.

Our fellowship with Corporate Partners wasn't just a gathering hosted by Lavena Hotel Seguku; it was a powerful demonstration of collaboration. My presence on NBS Television, Tropical FM 88.4, and RC Bwebajja' s feature on Bukedde TV & Newspaper amplified the impact of our projects, bringing well-de-served recognition.

Our joint community outreach with RC Entebbe and RC Garuga reinforced the notion that Rotary is a force to reckon with. Cleaning up the beach and empowering fish vendors at the Fish Market in Entebbe weren't just tasks; they were expressions of our commitment to community well-being.

As we step into November, a month when Rotarians globally celebrate the impact of the Rotary Foundation, I am delighted to share the remarkable achievements of the Rotary Club of Bwebajja.

Looking ahead, November brings exciting events for us - the Anns and Andys TRF Extravaganza on 16th Nov 2023 and the DG's visit on 23rd November 2023. These occasions provide us with the perfect platform to align our efforts with the spirit of the Rotary Foundation.

Let us continue to soar high, create hope, and celebrate the incredible impact we can make together. In the spirit of Rotary Foundation Month, let us renew our commitment to Doing Good in the World.

#### **Empowering Change** and Embracing Unity

Hope Tushemererwe President, Rotaract Club of Bwebajja

> Our recent involvement in the Independence Day Blood Donation Drive was not just about collecting pints of blood; it was a demonstration of our commitment to the well-being of our community."

#### Dear Rotaract Family,

Greetings! It is with great joy and enthusiasm that I once again pen down this message in this amazing newsletter. For the past five months our journey together has been nothing short of amazing, filled with camaraderie, service, and personal growth.

As we navigate our roles within the Rotaract community, I am inspired by the collective dedication and passion that each member brings to the table. Our commitment to service, professional development, and fostering friendships is the heartbeat of our club.

Reflecting on our recent endeavors, I'm

proud to say that the Rotaract Club of Bwebajja has been making waves in our community. From impactful service projects to engaging fellowship activities, we've been weaving a tapestry of positive change.

Our recent involvement in the Independence Day Blood Donation Drive was not just about collecting pints of blood; it was a demonstration of our commitment to the well-being of our community. A total of 359 pints collected, showcasing the power of youth in service.

On a somber note, we mourn the loss of Rtr. Joan Namuli. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her

family and friends during this difficult time.

Looking forward, there are exciting events on the horizon, and I'm eager to see the continued impact we can make together. Your energy, ideas, and commitment fuel the spirit of Rotaract in Bwebajja, and I encourage each member to bring their unique strengths to the forefront.

Thank you for being part of this incredible journey. Let's continue to embody the Rotaract spirit, making a positive difference in our community and beyond.

#### The ROTARY ACTION PLAN

#### TAKING ACTION FOR CHANGE

We are at a defining moment in Rotary's history. We're implementing our Action Plan, a strategic road map that will help us better connect with each other, grow as an organization, and more effectively share our stories of how we are making a difference in communities. At every level of Rotary, we have embraced opportunities to work together to achieve our goals. Over the coming four issues, you'll hear from Rotary members around the world who will offer their inspiration, encouragement, and guidance as we carry out the four priorities of the Action Plan.

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responsive.

We're streamlining operations so we can be more agile and

Ver esimplifying the way we do things and helping members manage change so that our clubs, districts, and zones can more effectively communicate and work together



We want to put our resources behind programs that will have the greatest impact and that align with our areas of focus. We're creating tools and guidelines for tracking and sharing our efforts. We're also developing an evaluation process that will help us make objective recommendations about what is working and what we should continue, start, or stop doing.

#### REACH

We're committed to exemplifying and embracing diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in everything we do. We're testing new products and alternative models that will allow more people to connect and take action with us in ways that work best for them. ENGAGE

We're tearing down the walls between "us" and "them" and focusing on participants. We're asking people how they want to participate, finding ways to meet them where they are, and making sure they know we value them.

Learn what your club can do at rotary.org/actionplan.

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#### Doing Good In The World

Treatment



Peace & Conflict Prevention Resolution





& Hygiene

Community & Support the Economic Environment Development

# **The History and Mission** of the Rotary Foundation



**Rtn. Gastone Baguma Rotary Foundation Chair** 

The Rotary Foundation, established in 1917 by Rotary International's sixth president, Arch C. Klumph, has a rich history rooted in the organization's commitment to service and global goodwill. Klumph's vision was to create an endowment to "do good in the world" by advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace. His pioneering idea laid the foundation for what would become a pivotal force in humanitarian efforts.

Over the decades, the Foundation has evolved from a modest start to an internationally recognized entity that empowers Rotary members to address pressing global challenges. Initially

focused on funding Rotary's own projects, the Foundation expanded its scope to include programs addressing health, hunger, povertv. and illiteracy.

A watershed moment occurred in 1979 when Rotary committed to immunizing children worldwide against polio. This marked the birth of the PolioPlus program, one of the Foundation's flagship initiatives. Today, Rotary, in collaboration with global partners, has made remarkable strides toward eradicating polio, bringing the world tantalizingly close to a polio-free future.

The Rotary Foundation's mission is deeply aligned with Rotary International's overarching goal of advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace. Its mission encompasses the following key areas:

#### **Eradicating Polio:**

The Foundation plays a pivotal role in the global effort to eliminate polio through immunization campaigns, infrastructure support, and public awareness.

#### Supporting Education and Literacy:

Through grants and programs, the Foundation promotes literacy, education, and vocational training, recognizing these as

essential elements in fostering sustainable development.

#### Addressing Health Challenges:

Initiatives like global grants contribute to healthcare infrastructure, disease prevention, and treatment, thereby enhancing the well-being of communities.

#### **Promoting Peace and Con**flict Prevention:

The Rotary Foundation supports peace fellowships, empowering individuals to become leaders in peacebuilding, conflict prevention, and resolution.

#### **Community Development:**

Funding local and global projects, the Foundation empowers Rotary members to undertake community development initiatives that address specific needs and challenges.

The Rotary Foundation stands as a testament to Rotary's commitment to making a positive impact on the world. Its history is marked by visionary leadership, a commitment to service, and an unwavering belief in the potential of individuals and communities to create lasting change. As it continues to evolve, the Foundation remains an enduring symbol of Rotary's dedication to creating a better, more peaceful world.

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#### The Ripple Effect of Compassion: Rotary Foundation's Transformative Impact

#### Rtn. Dan Ssetuba

The Rotary Foundation is a beacon of hope in the complex landscape of philanthropy. It demonstrates the profound impact that even the smallest donation can have on communities worldwide. At its core, the Foundation's mission transcends the transactional nature of donations. It embodies a collective spirit, a shared commitment to making a difference irrespective of the sum contributed.

Consider, for example, the far-reaching consequences of a seemingly modest donation of 60 cents. This unassuming amount can shield a child from the debilitating grasp of polio. The Rotary Foundation, with its unwavering commitment to eradicating this disease, channels these humble contributions into vaccines that create a protective shield around vulnerable lives.

Moving beyond numbers, envision the transformative potential embedded in a \$50 donation. In the context of the Rotary Foundation, this sum becomes a catalyst for providing clean water, a fundamental human right often denied to marginalized communities. The Foundation's initiatives, fueled by such donations, resonate with the ethos of service above self. The ripples from these efforts extend beyond quenching thirst; they combat waterborne illnesses, fostering healthier communities and empowering individuals to pursue a brighter future.

Finally, consider the profound impact of a \$500 contribution. This amount, when entrusted to the Rotary Foundation, has the capability to launch anti-bullying campaigns that create safe havens for children. Beyond the monetary value, this donation becomes a force for cultural change. It supports initiatives that instill empathy, understanding, and respect, fostering environments where every child can flourish free from the shadows of intimidation.

Each donation, regardless of its size, is a testament to the belief that small acts of kindness, when woven together, form a tapestry of transformative impact. In the realm of the Rotary Foundation, these donations become the building blocks of a better world. They are threads in the fabric of hope, resilience, and compassion that binds communities across the globe.

The Foundation's work is a testament to the notion that, indeed, every act of generosity has a profound and lasting impact, echoing the Rotary mantra of Service Above Self in every corner of the world.

# The Rotary Foundation's **Dynamic Impact Around the Globe**



#### **Rtn. Miriam Kyeyune** Paul Harris Fellow

The Rotary Foundation, with its unwavering commitment to making a positive impact globally, employs a multifaceted approach to turn generosity into tangible assistance. Here's a glimpse into how the Foundation brings help to communities around the world:

#### **Global Grants and Programs:**

The Rotary Foundation facilitates Global Grants, a mechanism through which Rotary clubs and districts can access funding for large-scale, sustainable projects. These grants support initiatives in areas such as education, healthcare, water and sanitation, and economic development. By aligning with local needs and leveraging the expertise of Rotarians, these programs make significant, lasting changes in communities.

#### **Polio Eradication:**

A flagship initiative of the Rotary Foundation is the global campaign to eradicate polio. Through strategic partner-

ships, innovative vaccination programs, and grassroots efforts, the Foundation has played a pivotal role in reducing polio cases worldwide. The "End Polio Now" initiative exemplifies the Foundation's dedication to addressing pressing health issues on a global scale.

#### **Educational Scholarships:**

The Foundation supports educational opportunities through scholarships and vocational training. By investing in the education of individuals, Rotary aims to empower future leaders, fostering sustainable development and positive change within communities. These scholarships often target areas with limited access to educational resources, bridging gaps and opening doors to new possibilities.

#### Water and Sanitation Projects:

Recognizing the vital importance of clean water and sanitation, the Rotary Foundation initiates projects that address these basic human needs. Whether it's the construction of wells, the installation of water purification systems, or hygiene education campaigns, the Foundation's efforts aim to improve health outcomes and enhance the quality of life for communities in need.

#### **Community Development Initiatives:**

Rotary Foundation invests in projects that promote community development. This may involve economic development programs, infrastructure projects, or initiatives that empower local communities to address their unique challenges. By working hand-in-hand with communities, the Foundation ensures that the assistance provided is tailored to specific needs and contributes to sustainable development.

#### **Disaster Response and Recovery:**

When natural disasters strike, the Rotary Foundation stands ready to provide rapid and effective response. Through financial support and mobilization of Rotary volunteers, the Foundation plays a crucial role in helping communities recover and rebuild. This ensures that affected populations receive timely assistance during their most vulnerable moments.

In essence, the Rotary Foundation makes help happen by combining financial resources with the dedication and expertise of Rotary clubs and volunteers. Whether it's eradicating diseases, promoting education, addressing basic needs, or responding to crises, the Foundation embodies the Rotary ethos of "Service Above Self." It transforms donations into meaningful, sustainable assistance, creating a positive and lasting impact on a global scale.





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# The Siren



#### Masaka Road Corridor Clubs Illuminate the Rotary Year: **100 Days of Creating Hope**



**Rtn. Ritah Mirembe** Family of Rotary Director



The celebration transcended the boundaries of language and culture, as Rotarians and Rotaractors joined hands in harmony, symbolizing the unity that underpins the Rotary movement." On Thursday, October 12, 2024, Rotary and Rotaract District 9214 marked the first 100 days of the Rotary year 2023-2024 in a splendid celebration that echoed the spirit of service and camaraderie. The event, orchestrated by the dynamic Masaka Road Corridor Clubs, unfolded under the theme "Creating Hope in the World," leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of attendees.

The festivities commenced with poignant preference reports, eloquently delivered by the PIME Chairs of both Rotary and Rotaract. These reports reflected the achievements of the past 100 days and set the stage for the continued commitment to creating positive change in communities worldwide.

The gathering was graced by esteemed addresses from District Governor (DG) Francisco Ssemwanga and the District Rotaract Representative (DRR) Prudence Asobola, who shared inspiring insights into the impact Rotary has had and continues to make globally. Their words resonated, echoing the overarching theme of hope and the transformative power of collective action.

A highlight of the event was the heartfelt recognition given to the unsung heroes – individuals who contributed significantly to the Rotary Foundation. Their dedication and generosity were acknowledged, serving as a beacon for others to follow in the footsteps of selfless service.

As the sun dipped below the horizon, the atmosphere came alive with the rhythm of music and the joy of dance. The celebration transcended the boundaries of language and culture, as Rotarians and Rotaractors joined hands in harmony, symbolizing the unity that underpins the Rotary movement.

The Masaka Road Corridor Clubs' meticulous planning and execution of the event showcased not only their organizational prowess but also their deep commitment to the Rotary ideals. Every element of the celebration, from the speeches to the music and dance, reflected the essence of hope that Rotary embodies.

As the echoes of the celebration lingered in the hearts of attendees, the Masaka Road Corridor Clubs left an indomitable mark on the Rotary landscape, proving that indeed, by Creating Hope in the World, they had lit a beacon that would guide Rotary and Rotaract through the remainder of the transformative year ahead.

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#### Charter Celebration of Elite High School Entebbe's Interact Club



Rtr. Belinda Akampulira Public Relations Director



For these students, the journey has just begun. They are not only discovering the joy of giving back to their community but are also opening doors to a global perspective." On a vibrant Friday evening, the 20th of October 2023, the Rotary and Rotaract Club of Bwebajja came together to mark a significant milestone – the official charter celebration of the Interact Club of Elite High School Entebbe. The poolside venue buzzed with the energy of over 120 enthusiastic students, all eager to embark on a journey of service, leadership, and international understanding.

The Guest of Honor, HCP Annie from the Rotary Club of Bwebajja, graced the occasion with her presence, adding a touch of inspiration to the celebratory atmosphere. Her commitment to the Rotary ideals served as a beacon for the young minds present, illustrating the profound impact that service can have on both individuals and communities.

The Interact Club, now officially recognized, embodies the Rotary spirit of "Service Above Self." It serves as a platform for young people aged 12-18 to take action, build international understanding, and forge meaningful connections across borders. As the evening unfolded, the students were not merely celebrating an event; they were stepping into a world where leadership is cultivated, and the power of collective service is harnessed to make a difference. The charter celebration echoed the Rotary mantra of finding joy in service and making a positive impact on the world. It emphasized that leadership, even at a young age, can be both serious and fun. The Interact Club of Elite High School Entebbe stands as a testament to the belief that when young minds come together with a shared vision of service and collaboration, they become a force for positive change.

For these students, the journey has just begun. They are not only discovering the joy of giving back to their community but are also opening doors to a global perspective. The Interact Club promises to be a platform where these young leaders will develop essential skills while fostering a sense of responsibility towards the world around them.

As the sun set on this momentous day, the Interact Club of Elite High School Entebbe embarked on a path that goes beyond the celebration – a path of learning, growing, and making a lasting impact. The charter celebration was not just an event; it was a proclamation of the potential inherent in youth, ready to take on the challenges of the world with the spirit of service and the ethos of "Service Above Self."



ROTARY & ROTARACT CLUBS OF BWEBAJJA | JOINT BULLETIN



#### Harmonizing Partnerships: RC Bwebajja Orchestrates Corporate Fellowship at Hotel La Vena



Rtn. Becky Kubumba Family of Rotary Committee Member



The fellowship was not merely a showcase of businesses; it was a celebration of the synergies between Rotary's commitment to service and the corporate world's dedication to business excellence. A unique and vibrant out-of-venue fellowship was orchestrated by the Rotary Club of Bwebajja on Thursday, October 19th 2023, entitled "Into the Groove with Our Corporate Partners." The event, held at the esteemed Hotel La Vena, transcended the traditional boundaries of a Rotary gathering, transforming into a dynamic platform for networking, fellowship, and business collaboration organized by Buddy group Buzzi.

The fellowship brought together a diverse array of corporate partners affiliated with the Rotary Club of Bwebajja. Against the backdrop of camaraderie, each corporate partner was allotted 5 to 10 minutes to present a showcase of their business, providing an opportunity to not only promote their activities but also to forge deeper connections with the Rotary community.

Hotel La Vena, the venue for this collaborative rendezvous, played a dual role as both the host and a valued partner of the Rotary Club of Bwebajja. The elegant surroundings of the hotel provided the perfect setting for an evening that seamlessly blended business and fellowship.

The atmosphere of the event resonated with the spirit of mutual cooperation and shared values. As representatives from each company took the stage, the room buzzed with energy, creating an environment conducive to meaningful interactions and partnerships. Beyond business promotion, the evening allowed for a more profound understanding of the shared goals and aspirations that bind the Rotary Club of Bwebajja and its corporate partners.

The fellowship was not merely a showcase of businesses; it was a celebration of the synergies between Rotary's commitment to service and the corporate world's dedication to business excellence. This unique blend of service, networking, and fun epitomized the dynamic ethos of the Rotary community.

As the evening unfolded, relationships were forged, ideas were exchanged, and partnerships were strengthened. The Rotary Club of Bwebajja, through this innovative fellowship, demonstrated its ability to create spaces where diverse sectors can come together, fostering collaborations that extend beyond the event itself.

"Into the Groove with Our Corporate Partners" at Hotel La Vena was not just a fellowship; it was a harmonious symphony of Rotary values and corporate endeavors, illustrating the potential for positive change when different sectors unite in the spirit of community and service.



ROTARY & ROTARACT CLUBS OF BWEBAJJA | JOINT BULLETIN



#### **Sports Fusion Spectacle:** Buddy Group Buzzi Unleashes the First-of-Its-Kind Sporting fellowship



DRRE Joseph B. Ssengooba Buddy Group Buzzi

Thursday, October 26, 2023, Buddy Group Buzzi created a new milestone in the world of recreation by hosting the inaugural "Sports Fusion Spectacle". This pioneering sporting gala promised a day of unparalleled excitement and athletic prowess, marking a landmark event in the annals of sporting events.

The Sports Fusion Spectacle aimed to transcend the conventional boundaries of sporting events, introducing innovative elements and fostering a sense of community involvement. It was more than just a sporting event; it was a celebration of physical prowess, friendly competition, and the spirit of unity.

As the sun shone down on the field that Saturday, participants including Rotarians, Rotaractors, and spectators alike gathered to witness and participate in the diverse array of sports and activities featured in the Sports Fusion Spectacle. The event was designed for a wide audience and offered both competitive and recreational options to suit a variety of interests and skill levels.

Apart from traditional sports, the event featured other activities such as the famous Kwepena, celebration of the October babies with cake cutting and Nyama choma afterwards All this was aimed at ensuring that participants enjoyed an all-encompassing day of celebration.

The Sports Fusion Spectacle served as a networking platform and brought together individuals from different backgrounds and age groups. Friendships were formed and a sense of belonging permeated the air, so it wasn't just a sports gala – it was a social celebration. A day that marked not only a sports festival, but also the start of an annual tradition that promises to become a cornerstone in the club's calendar.

As the echoes of cheers and laughter echoed through the Sports Fusion Spectacle, Buddy Group Buzzi left an indelible mark, setting the stage for future editions of this landmark sporting extravaganza. The inaugural event was not only successful; it was a testament to the power of creativity, collaboration, and joy that comes from uniting individuals through the universal language of sport.

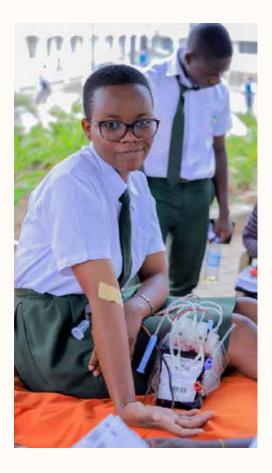


# Community Impact





#### Entebbe Road Corridor Clubs Mark Uganda's Independence Day with Blood Donation Drive



In a remarkable demonstration of unity and service, the Rotary and Rotaract Clubs along the Entebbe Road Corridor celebrated Uganda's Independence Day with a meaningful initiative - a blood donation drive along Entebbe Road. This act of giving, symbolizing the spirit of solidarity, unfolded at strategic locations including Freedom City Namasuba, Equity Bank Kajjansi, and the former DFCU Bank in Baita.

The blood donation drive, a collective effort of the Rotary and Rotaract Clubs, exemplified the commitment of these organizations to making a tangible impact on the well-being of the community. By strategically setting up donation points, they not only facilitated a crucial civic service but also encouraged participation from diverse segments of the population.

Freedom City Namasuba, a bustling hub, witnessed a stream of donors eager to



Rtn. Evelyne Bageya Club Projects Director

contribute to the cause. Equity Bank Kajjansi and the former DFCU Bank in Baita served as additional focal points, emphasizing inclusivity in the effort to support healthcare initiatives. The choice of these locations strategically reached out to both urban and suburban communities, fostering a sense of shared responsibility in celebrating the nation's independence.

Beyond the symbolic significance of giving on Independence Day, the blood donation drive addressed the ongoing need for a stable blood supply in medical facilities. The initiative, driven by the ethos of "Service Above Self," aimed to contribute to the broader goal of ensuring that hospitals and clinics have the necessary resources to save lives.

The collective impact of the Entebbe Road Corridor Clubs' blood donation drive resonated not only in the quantity of blood collected but also in the spirit of community engagement and collaboration. Volunteers and donors, representing a cross-section of society, came together to embody the ideals of unity and service that lie at the heart of Rotary and Rotaract. This Independence Day, the blood donation drive along Entebbe Road left an enduring mark, illustrating that true freedom is not only a celebration of historical milestones but also a commitment to the well-being of the present and future generations. The Entebbe Road Corridor Clubs' dedication to service demonstrated that through collective efforts, even a simple act like blood donation can become a powerful expression of unity and patriotism.





# Rotary and Rotaract Club of Bwebajja Donate Water Tank to Kasaana C/U Primary School

In a generous gesture of community service, the Rotary and Rotaract Club of Bwebajja demonstrated their commitment to enhancing education and well-being by donating a substantial 10,000-liter water tank to Kasaana C/U Primary School in Mubende. The impactful project, executed on the 15th of October 2203, not only aimed to address immediate water needs but also sought to create lasting benefits for the school and its students.

Commissioned by the distinguished Rtn. Hon. Hope Grania Nakazibwe, Woman MP of Mubende District, the project took on added significance. Rtn. Hon. Hope Grania Nakazibwe's involvement underscored the collaborative nature of community development, where public figures and service organizations join forces to make a positive impact.

The donation of the water tank aligns with Rotary's core value of "Service Above Self." Recognizing the essential role water plays in creating a conducive learning environment, the Rotary and



**Rtr. Kizza Godfrey Lubuuka** *Projects Chair / Club Admin* 

Rotaract Club of Bwebajja responded to a critical need at Kasaana C/U Primary School. Access to clean water not only addresses basic hygiene requirements but also supports the overall health and well-being of the students and staff.

The commissioned project is not just a tangible donation; it symbolizes the enduring spirit of community partnership. By collaborating with local leadership represented by Rtn. Hon. Hope Grania Nakazibwe, the Rotary and Rotaract Club of Bwebajja demonstrate how effective community service involves understanding local needs and working hand-in-hand with those who can champion positive change.

With the water tank present at Kasaana C/U Primary School, it becomes more than a structure; it becomes a source of empowerment. It provides a foundation for a healthier and more conducive learning environment, fostering an atmosphere where students can thrive. The impact of this donation extends beyond the physical structure, touching the lives of the students and contributing to the broader goal of community development.





#### Rotary and Rotaract Medical Camp Touches Lives in Mubende District

In a powerful demonstration of compassionate service, the Rotary Club of Bwebajja and the Rotaract Clubs of Bwebajja joined forces to organize a transformative medical camp in Mubende district. Held on Saturday, the 14th of October 2023, this collaborative effort brought essential healthcare services to the doorstep of the community, leaving an indelible mark on the lives of nearly 5000 people.

The medical camp, a testament to the spirit of "Service Above Self," offered a comprehensive range of healthcare services to address diverse needs. Services included dental checkups, eye examinations, HIV/AIDS testing and counseling, cervical cancer screenings, prostate cancer screenings, hypertension screenings, family planning consultations, malaria testing, and treatment, among other vital medical interventions.

One of the standout features of this initiative was its holistic approach to healthcare. By providing a spectrum of services, the medical camp not only addressed immediate health concerns but also took significant steps towards preventive care and health education. The inclusion of screenings for cervical cancer, prostate cancer, and HIV/AIDS, along with services like family planning and hypertension checks,



#### **Rtn. Dr. Derrick Kirya** Rotary Family Health Day Chair

showcased a commitment to comprehensive healthcare that goes beyond immediate symptoms.

The impact of the medical camp extended beyond the physical well-being of the community. The dental, eye, and various health checkups aimed not just to treat ailments but to enhance the overall quality of life for the individuals served. The provision of malaria testing and treatment, especially in regions prone to this disease, is a crucial step in ensuring the well-being of the community.

The collaboration between the Rotary Club of Bwebajja and the Rotaract Clubs of Bwebajja exemplifies the strength that comes from unity. By pooling resources, expertise, and a shared passion for service, they created a platform that reached thousands, offering them access to healthcare services they may not have otherwise received.

The Mubende medical camp, left in its wake not just healthier bodies but a community touched by the healing hands and caring hearts of the Rotary and Rotaract Clubs. This initiative stands as a shining example of the transformative impact that can be achieved when service organizations come together with a shared commitment to making a positive difference in the lives of those they serve.

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# Rotary Club of Bwebajja Empowers Mubende District with **5 Tricycle Village Ambulances**



Rtn. Barbra Nekesa Public Image Chair

In a remarkable initiative aimed at enhancing Maternal and Child healthcare accessibility in Mubende District, the Rotary Club of Bwebajja demonstrated their commitment to service by handing over five Tricycle Village Ambulances (TVA) donated by Hon. Hope Grania Nakazibwe to the communities. This significant event took place with Dr. Bildad Baguma, the Managing Director of Joint Medical Stores Uganda, as the esteemed Guest of Honor.

The Tricycle Village Ambulances, a symbol of community empower-

ment, were handed over in a ceremony that emphasized the collaborative spirit of service. These specially designed vehicles, equipped to navigate rural terrain, serve as a lifeline for communities, providing timely and efficient transportation for medical emergencies.

The choice of Dr. Bildad Baguma, a respected figure in the healthcare sector, as the Guest of Honor added a layer of significance to the occasion. His presence underscored the importance of partnerships between service organizations like Rotary and key figures in the medical field to effect positive change in healthcare infrastructure.

These Tricycle Village Ambulances go beyond the conventional understanding of ambulances, especially in regions with challenging topography. Their versatility ensures that healthcare services can reach even the most remote corners of Mubende District, bringing critical medical assistance to those who need it most.

The handover ceremony was not just about delivering vehicles; it was a manifestation of the Rotary Club of Bwebajja's commitment to creating lasting impact. These ambulances, adorned with the Rotary spirit of "Service Above Self," represent a tangible contribution to the well-being of communities.

The Tricycle Village Ambulances stand as a testament to Rotary's ability to innovate and adapt solutions to meet the unique needs of communities. By delivering these essential vehicles, Rotary Club of Bwebajja continues to be a driving force in the pursuit of a healthier, more resilient society.



#### OUR LEADERS

The leadership story of Past President Anne Nambatya

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## Anne No. 10: A Remarkable Leader, an Influencer and Rotary Champion









Meet Nambatya Annet, affectionately known as Anne 10—a psychologist, No. mother, and guiding light in Rotary and beyond. With a degree in Industrial and Organizational Psychology from Makerere University, Anne's academic journey, marked by excellence and dedication, laid the foundation for her extraordinary life.

Anne's professional path reflects her unwavering commitment to societal welfare. From coordinating HIV/AIDS programs to managing projects in various organizations, her influence brings about positive change. As the Program Manager for Leadership at the Netherlands NGO, Knowledge for Children (K4C), Anne's impact on communities was immeasurable.

In addition to her professional life, Anne is the director of Dovecole Fashions and the proprietor of Spot 10 Leisure and Entertainment Center in Bunamwaya. For an astounding ten years, she championed women in business as the Face of DFCU Bank.

Anne's Rotary journey is equally remarkable. She joined the Rotary family in 1998 as an Interactor during her high school years at St. Theresa Girls School Bwanda. Her commitment to Rotary led her to attain the highest position within her club as a club president. Since her initiation, Anne has served in various leadership positions, both within her club and beyond. Her roles have included Family of Rotary, Family Health Days Officer, Club Admin, Club Secretary, Chair of Ann's and Andy's twice, Chair of Charter Night, and more. She also served on the Malaria District Committee during a World Class year, and as a District Officer in charge of the UTAMU Scholarships. Currently, she is serving on the District Membership Committee.

Anne No.10 served as our club President during the challenging year of 2020/2021 (Rotary Opening Opportunities Year), steering our club through unprecedented covid pandemic times with grace and resilience.

No.10's unstoppable spirit shines in her exceptional contributions, such as the Ngongolo Integrated Community Global Grant—a \$57,000 project dedicated to community betterment. A graduate of the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) and a Paul Harris Fellow, Anne No. 10's journey is an inspiration, a testament to the impact one can make with passion, determination, and a heart full of love. Her legacy will resonate for generations, a true example of a life lived serving above self.

#### OUR PARTNERS

# Acting upon your **"must"** rather than your **"should."**



#### Rtr. Denis Ssebaggala

Acting upon your "must" rather than your "should" is a powerful principle for personal growth and achieving your goals. This concept underscores the idea that true motivation and success come when you focus on what is essential and meaningful to you rather than what you or others think you "should" do. Here's how you can apply this principle in your life:

#### 1) Identify your "Must":

Take some time for introspection and identify what truly matters to you, what you are passionate about, and what aligns with your values and long-term goals. These are your "Must."

#### 2) Clarify your "Should":

Recognize the societal or external expectations, obligations, or responsibilities that you or others may have imposed on you. These are your "Should."

#### 3) Prioritize your "Must":

Once you've identified your "Must," prioritize them in your life. Allocate time, energy, and resources to pursue these goals and aspirations.

#### 4) Let Go of "Should":

Evaluate your "Should" and determine if they genuinely align with your values and goals. If not, consider letting go of unnecessary "Should" that may be causing stress or hindering your progress.

#### 5) Set Meaningful Goals:

Translate your "Must" into specific, actionable goals. Define what success looks like for you in these areas, and create a plan to work toward those objectives.

#### 6) Take Consistent Action:

Commit to taking consistent and deliberate action towards your "Must." Consistency is key in achieving long-term success.

#### 7) Stay True to Yourself:

As you pursue your "Must," stay true to your values and principles. Don't compromise your integrity or authenticity in the pursuit of external expectations.

#### 8) Embrace Challenges:

Understand that pursuing your "Must" may come with challenges and setbacks. Embrace these challenges as opportunities for growth and learning.

#### 9) Seek Support:

Surround yourself with a supportive network of friends, mentors, or like-minded individuals who understand and encourage your pursuit of your "Must."

#### **10)** Celebrate Achievements:

Acknowledge and celebrate your accomplishments along the way. This positive reinforcement can boost motivation and help you stay committed to your path.

By focusing on your must, you are more likely to find fulfillment, purpose, and success in your endeavors. It's about living a life that aligns with your true passions and values, rather than one driven solely by external expectations or societal norms. Remember that your journey is unique, and what may be a "must" for you might not be the same for someone else. Embrace your individuality and pursue what truly matters to you with passion and determination.

# Life Seasons

#### **Every Young Person Should Know About**



#### Rtr. Hannington Mukiibi

Life is a journey, marked by various seasons, each presenting its unique set of challenges and opportunities. Understanding and navigating these life seasons is crucial for personal growth, happiness, and success. As a young person, you're about to embark on this remarkable journey, and knowing what to expect can make all the difference.

Here are some tips for making the most of each season of life:

#### **Season of Education**

#### • Embrace learning opportunities.

School and college are a time to gain knowledge, develop critical thinking skills, and discover your interests. Make the most of this time by taking challenging courses, participating in extracurricular activities, and asking questions.

#### • Seek guidance from mentors.

Mentors can provide support, advice, and insights as you navigate this new season. Find mentors who share your values and aspirations, and be open to their guidance.

#### **Season of Exploration**

#### • Try new things.

This is a time to experiment and discover what you're passionate about. Travel, start a new project, or volunteer in a new field. Don't be afraid to step outside of your comfort zone.

#### • Build your independence.

This season is about learning to live on your own and make your own decisions. Start by taking on small responsibilities and gradually work your way up to bigger challenges.

Season of Building Relationships

#### Invest time in your relationships.

The people you meet along the way will shape your life in profound ways. Make time for friends, family, and mentors. Nurture these relationships and cherish the time you spend together.

#### • Be open to new connections.

You'll meet a wide range of people during this season of life. Be open to meeting new people and making new friends. You never know who you'll meet and how they'll impact your life.

#### **Season of Career Development**

#### • Set clear goals. What do you

want to achieve in your career? Once you know your goals, develop a plan to achieve them. This may involve networking, developing new skills, or taking on new challenges.

#### • Be proactive.

Don't wait for opportunities to come to you; go out and find them. Attend industry events, connect with people on LinkedIn, and reach out to people you admire.

#### **Season of Challenges**

#### • Expect setbacks.

Everyone faces challenges in life. It's important to remember that setbacks

are a normal part of the journey. Don't let them discourage you.

#### Build a support network.

Having a strong support network can help you get through tough times. Surround yourself with people who believe in you and will be there for you when you need them.

#### **Season of Giving Back**

- Find a cause you care about. There are many ways to give back to your community and the world. Find a cause that you're passionate about and get involved.
- Use your skills and talents to make a difference. Think about how you can use your unique skills and talents to help others. Volunteer your time, donate to charity, or start your own social enterprise.

#### **Season of Reflection**

• Take time to reflect on your journey. It's important to take time to reflect on your progress, assess your values, and set new goals. This will help you stay on track and create a life that is aligned with your true purpose.

#### Conclusion

Life is a series of seasons, each offering unique experiences and opportunities for growth. By understanding and embracing these seasons, you can set yourself up for a happy and fulfilling life. As a young person, you have the unique opportunity to make the most of each season. Approach them with enthusiasm, resilience, and a willingness to learn. Remember that life is a journey, and every season plays a crucial role in shaping the person you become.

# Stop talking, Start Doing

"Stop talking, start doing" is a powerful motto that emphasizes the importance of taking action and making things happen. It encourages individuals to move from planning and talking about their goals to actually working towards them.

Here are some key principles to keep in mind when applying this motto in your life:

#### 1. Set Clear Goals

Before you can start doing, you need to know what you want to achieve. Set clear and specific goals that are actionable and measurable. Having a clear vision of your objectives will give you a sense of purpose and direction.

#### 2. Create a Plan

Once you have your goals in mind, create a detailed plan outlining the steps you need to take to achieve them. Break down your goals into smaller, manageable tasks to make the process more achievable.

#### 3. Take the First Step

The most challenging part of any endeavor is often taking the first step. Overcome procrastination and self-doubt by simply starting. Progress is made one step at a time.

#### 4. Stay Focused

Avoid distractions and stay focused on your goals. Prioritize your tasks and allocate your time and energy to what matters most.

#### 5. Embrace Failure

Understand that setbacks and failures are a natural part of the journey. Don't let fear of failure hold you back. Instead, view failures as opportunities to learn and grow.

#### 6. Stay Persistent

Persistence is key to success. Keep pushing forward, even when faced with obstacles or setbacks. The road to achievement is rarely smooth, but your determination will see you through.

#### 7. Seek Support

Don't be afraid to ask for help or seek guidance from mentors and peers. Surround yourself with people who support your goals and can offer valuable insights.



#### Rtr. Shamim Namuli

#### 8. Stay Accountable

Hold yourself accountable for your actions and progress. Regularly review your goals and adjust your plan as needed to stay on track.

#### 9. Celebrate Milestones

Acknowledge and celebrate your achievements along the way. Recognizing your progress can boost motivation and provide a sense of accomplishment.

#### 10. Keep Learning

Continuously seek knowledge and improvement. Be open to new ideas and adapt to changing circumstances. Learning is an ongoing process.

#### Conclusion

"Stop talking, start doing" is a call to action. It's a reminder that taking concrete steps toward your goals is the most effective way to turn your dreams into reality. While planning and discussing are important, they must be followed by deliberate action to bring about meaningful change in your life.

So, whatever your aspirations may be, take that first step today and begin the journey toward achieving your goals.





By Rtn Joseph Ssuuna

# Rotary & Rotaract Clubs of Bwebajja's October highlights

Across Bwebajja, a captivating October unfolded, bringing together service, collaboration, and celebration. The Rotary and Rotaract Clubs of Bwebajja embarked on a journey that transformed ordinary actions into extraordinary experiences.

A medical camp with a compassionate touch	The medical camp in Mubende was a compassionate endeavour that brought healthcare to the local community. People's lives were positively impacted by vital check-ups, health education, and warm smiles.
A fellowship that cemented partnerships	The Rotary and Rotaract families converged at La Vena Hotel for an out-of-venue fellowship with this year's corporate partners. This wasn't just a gathering; it was an intersection of business and friendship. The Corporate Partners painted vivid pictures of their enterprises, and through the exchange of ideas, partnerships were cemented - a celebra- tion of collaboration and shared dreams.
A Sports Fusion spectacle that transcended boundaries	A Sports Fusion Spectacle was held on the Kitubulu Washing Bay Foot- ball turf, transcending the conventional definition of sports. Cheers filled the air as Rotarians, Rotaractors and community members participated in games and unconventional challenges. It wasn't just a display of athleticism; it was a symphony of joy and shared moments.
A month of cherished memories and profound realizations	As October came to a close, Rotarians and Rotaractors carried with them not only memories but a profound understanding that in unity, even the simplest actions can create ripples of change.

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